

Luncheon, Hat Show at Woman's Club Wednesday

"Hats Can Be Fun" will be the theme of the buffet luncheon to be given by members of the hat making class sponsored by the Torrance Woman's Club at the club-house Wednesday at noon. The 125 hats made by the class will be modeled by class members and the teacher, Mrs. E. Cornelissen will be the commentator.

The hat fashion parade will be staged during the luncheon from 12 to 12:30 p. m. Mrs. John T. Oursler and Mrs. Ben Roberts are serving as chairmen of the affair. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Oursler or Mrs. Roberts.

Carrying out their party decor, the class members have made miniature hats which will be given as party favors. Also on display for the enjoyment of those attending the luncheon will be ceramics made by the club's ceramic class.

Party Fetes Dr., Mrs. Weir

As a farewell compliment to Dr. and Mrs. Thurlow Weir who are moving to Chico, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kelley, Jr., entertained a group of friends at cocktails Saturday evening at their home, 916 Felbar Ave.

The group then went to the Tail of the Cloak in Beverly Hills for dinner. In the party with the hosts and honor guests were Messrs. and Mrs. James Weir, Charles Schultz, Jr., and Dr. and Mrs. Ralph McNeill.

After the luncheon and hat show there will be "fun" bridge, canasta and pinochle. Door prizes will be awarded and for the party Mrs. W. J. Laughon has donated a hat, and Mrs. Roberts has given a permanent wave.

Hat class members who have furnished the refreshments, decorations and prizes for the party are Mmes. Hazle Ward, Dean Sears, E. L. Snodgrass, E. T. Whitney, A. E. Fiorelli, W. J. Laughon, Dawn Hyde, John Melville, Don Moyer, Ray Rogers, C. E. Cook, Mae Sherfey, Opal Bernard, J. A. Eisenbrandt, Norris, J. G. Arnold, Sabin, H. L. Mitchell, Carl Steele, and Grover Van Deventer.



LOIS RUTH KELLEY
June Bride-Elect

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Lois Ruth Kelley's Troth To W. R. Johnson Revealed

Pi Beta Phi sisters of Lois Ruth Kelley were told of her engagement to William Richard Johnson when the bride-elect passed the traditional candy at ULCA last Monday evening.

Miss Kelley is the daughter of Mrs. Michael Joseph Kelley of 2049 W. 70th St. and the late Mr. Kelley. She is a senior at UCLA majoring in apparel design.

The bridegroom-elect's parents are Mr. and Mrs. William Lewis Johnson of 23211 Huber St., Torrance. He is a political science major in his senior year at UCLA. Upon his graduation in Feb. 1956 he will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force. He is a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity and is a graduate of Narbonne High.

Grandparents of the future bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Lewis A. Johnson of Torrance and Mrs. Joseph Walsh of National City.

A June wedding is being planned.

New Sorority Unit Formed

Eta Kappa chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha will sign the charter in Torrance tomorrow at the home of Mrs. Winona Jackson, 18020 Fay-smith. Mrs. Jackson, field secretary for the organization, has been instrumental in organizing the chapter. The international sorority is composed of 25,000 members in the United States and other countries.

Fundamental purposes of the chapter, according to Mrs. Winona Jackson are personal improvement, benevolence, cultural appreciation and education by means of the best organized plans.

Individual applications for membership are not considered, members are received by invitation only.

Kappa Alumnae

Kappa Delta Alumnae of the South Bay Area held their first meeting March 16, at the home of Mrs. Roy L. Young, of Rolling Hills. Alumnae of this sorority, who are interested in joining the newly formed organization, may contact Mrs. Lloyd Carr, Mrs. Shelly Calhoun, Mrs. Dean Waters, or Mrs. Roy L. Young.

Burma Delegate to Speak At YWCA Brunch Saturday

Plans for the annual meeting of the Torrance Branch of the Young Women's Christian Association were reviewed and details completed at the meeting of the Torrance membership committee with Mrs. Rufus Sandstrom presiding. The meeting will be a brunch on Saturday, April 2, at 11 a. m. at the Torrance YW, 2320 Carson.

Members of the membership committee with members of the Branch committee will serve as hostesses to welcome members and friends of the Association. Y-teens and their mothers are especially urged to participate. Mrs. Allen Fyeatt and Mrs. R. A. Kelsey will be in charge of tickets and reservations.

Other committees working on the event are: brunch, Mrs. L. A. McCoy, chairman, assisted by Mmes. Lee Stamps, J. P. Montague, and R. J. Prout; service, Mrs. Joseph Hogan, and Y-teens; table setting, Mrs. Minnie Solomon and Mrs. Walter Silence; invitation design, Mrs. Helen Benton; decorations, Mrs. J. P. Montague, and Mrs. McCoy.

The speaker will be Margaret Ohn-Bwint, of Rangoon, Burma, while the report of the Torrance activities will be presented by the Y-teen and Adult groups.

In addition to the annual meeting the membership committee discussed a membership enrollment. It was decided that a series of small coffee hours in the homes of members or friends of the YW be used as a means of getting the community particularly the outlying areas acquainted with the YWCA, its world-wide aspects as well as its local program.

The actual scheduling of a membership enrollment was left to the next meeting of the membership committee which will be during National YWCA Week on Tuesday, April 26 at 10 a. m. at the Torrance YWCA.

Electoral members of the Torrance YWCA have received ballots so that they may vote on members to serve on the Torrance Branch committee on administration for the next three years.

From among the seven running for the Branch Committee, four will be chosen. Those whose names appear are: Mrs. Helen Benton, Mrs. P. M. Crossman, Pauline Greer, Mrs. L. A. McCoy, Olive Marshall, Mrs. F. D. Pague, and Mrs. Thomas Westfall.



MARGARET OHN-BWINT
YWCA Guest Speaker

Those running for the 1955 nominating committee to be held over are: Mrs. W. O. Clausen and Mrs. Paul Shinoda. One will be chosen. From a field of eight names four will be chosen for the 1956 nominating committee. Those running are: Nell Colburn, Mrs. Ralph Davis,

Mrs. R. D. Evans, Mrs. Warren Hamilton, Mrs. John Parks, Mrs. W. T. Randall, Mrs. C. A. Smith, and Mrs. Lee Stamps. The nominating committee urges members to vote in such a way "that a cross-section of skill, interests, and community groups will be represented on the committee."



MISS DIANE SCHUMERT
June Bride

Schumert-Moreno Nuptials To Take Place on June 18

When relatives and close friends arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Schumert, 911 Beech Ave. Saturday evening they were presented scrolls on which the engagement news of the hosts' daughter, Diane Marie to Rudy Moreno was announced.

Also announced was the June 18 wedding date for the young couple who will be married at the Nativity Catholic Church.

For the engagement party the Schumert home was effectively decorated in red and white carnations and a large white wedding cake ornamented with read hearts centered the dining table.

The bride-elect was graduated from Torrance High School in 1954. She is now employed by an oil company in Los Angeles. At the local school she was a member of Tartar Ladies, Thespians and Tri-Hi Y.

The benedict-elect is also a Torrance High graduate, class of 1950. He is now in his senior year at El Camino college working on an engineering degree. He plans to continue his education at Long Beach State College.

PARENTS HERE FROM UTAH

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bergen, of Ogden, Utah, are spending two weeks here with their sons and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bergen and Mr. and Mrs. Von Bergen.

Last Wednesday evening a dinner party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Von Bergen, 2487 Sonoma, celebrated the 74th birthday of Mr. Albert Bergen. Centering the dinner table was a beautiful arrangement of daffodils and lilies. The beautifully decorated birthday cake was baked for the honor guest by Mrs. Lee Bergen.

Seated at the table were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bergen, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bergen and Mr. and Mrs. Von Bergen.

Juniorettes

Epsilon Sigma Alpha Juniors met Monday evening to elect new officers at the home of Donna Walker. Installation plans were also discussed.

The Juniors are planning to make favors for the children in hospitals for Easter.

Refreshments were served by the rushes.

Attending were Sara Sue Ward, Jackie Allen, Delyna Smith, Carole Sue Jackson, Joanne Hutchison, Donna Walker, Joyce Minnier and Mary Ann Ruach.

The next meeting will be held April 4 at the home of Elsa Barlow.



MRS. FRANCES RITTAMEL
Loves Analytical Calculations

(Herald Photo)

Man's World? Not So ... And Local Woman Aircraft Engineer Proves it

By MILDRED HUNT

Mrs. Frances Rittamel, who resides in the southwest section of Torrance, has the unusual distinction of being a woman engineer in the capacity of analytical calculations in the making of Helicopters.

Being a woman engineer is still regarded as unusual today even though women are fast entering many fields where men were regarded as supreme in the work. But

the fact that she works with Helicopters, marks her as one of the few in this country so employed.

The skyward "egg-beaters" hold no mystery for Mrs. Rittamel who is the opposite version of what you might think a woman engineer is like. A soft-spoken, completely feminine ash-blond of about 5 ft. 3 in. in height, she is quick to answer questions about Helicopters. A graduate of the 1950 class at University of California at Berkeley, she has been working a slide rule at the Hughes Tool Co., aircraft division for the past four years.

Her husband, Wilfred Rittamel, is also an engineer working on structures, analysis and stress work at the North American Aviation plant. Asked if she and her husband often discuss their work, she shook her head in the negative manner and replied in a soft voice, "never."

Having worked on the analysis of design for the world's largest Helicopters which includes the XH-17 and XH-25, the native born woman thinks that Helicopters will be more widely used in the future and that possible improvements could be motivated by gas turbine which would make the big whirlers much lighter and simpler to maintain.

Likewise, the Helicopters which the woman engineer said you have to swear to pronounce and sometimes while working on this exacting work, may be come a popular medium for travel between cities like the new-

ly established run from Los Angeles to Long Beach made possible by Clarence Bellin, president of L. A. Airways. Another similar service has been in operation for about a year from Brussels to London, by the Brussels' airlines.

In addition to passenger service, the mammoth "ones" are now being prepared for use in heavy cargo hauling and transport. Other duties at present are crop dusting and mail service. She thinks the 'copters will come in for more uses when their full capabilities are realized. Their maximum range is 200 miles.

Her advice to women, or young girls of high school age who are thinking of taking up engineering work is to take aptitude tests to make sure as this is the type of work you must like in order to become successful in it. It is her theory that high school students don't always know the type of work they are cut out for until they enter college.

Mrs. Rittamel is chairman of the convention for the Society of Women Engineers which is to be held at the Hollywood Knickerbocker Hotel, June 24 to 26. It is the first time this national organization will hold a

convention in the western part of the country, and the local woman is working hard in making it interesting by lining up speakers from the field of industrial aviation. A banquet on the last evening of the convention will seat 2000 women engineers who are expected to attend from all parts of the country.

The 24 chapter group will hear reports on the latest in this field which will include nuclear energy, electronics and guided missiles. One of the prominent members of the group who will be in attendance is Dr. Lillian Gilbreth of New Jersey of whom the book, "Cheaper by the Dozen" was written. She is a consultant engineer who took up this work at the death of her husband who was also an engineer.

The society is not limited to national membership but has on its roster the names of woman engineers from Canada, Italy, France and England. Previously their conventions have been held in New York, Chicago and Washington, D. C. Women interested in this type of work are invited to attend the convention and sit in on the sessions and meetings. Mrs. Ida Broughton of Manhattan Beach is publicity chairman for the local chapter.

Shower for Mrs. Warner

The home of Mrs. Ray Treve-than, 26452 Leesdale, Harbor City, was the scene of a pretty pink and blue baby shower on March 21, honoring Mrs. Paul Warner.

Games pertaining to "babies" were played with prizes for the winners.

The party theme was carried out in the decorations. Blue and pink sugar booties decorated the cake and nut cups were miniature "diapers."

A decorated basinet filled with gifts was presented to Mrs. Warner.

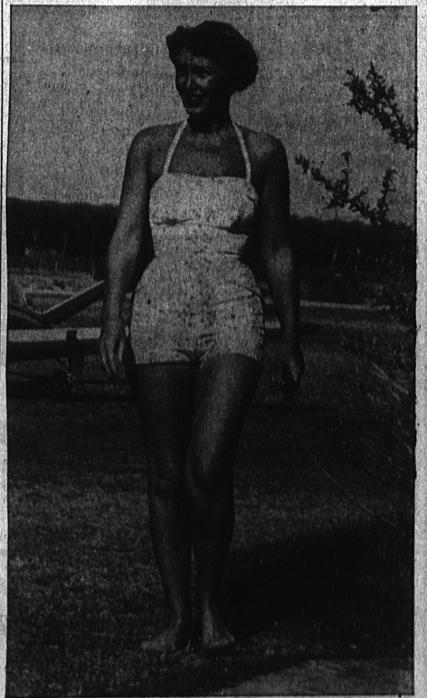
Guests attending were Mmes. F. W. Learman, E. R. Walker, Warren O'Neil, Jim Curley, L. J. Curley, Wayne Werner, J. W. Fair, Marvin Gray, Nellie Schneider, Ed Willis, F. M. Broad, and Miss Charla Gray.

Baby Shower

Mrs. Robert Hatton was honored guest at a baby shower given by Mrs. Frank Stein at her home, 4115 176th St., recently.

Several games were played after which a decorated basinet filled with gifts was presented to Mrs. Hatton.

A cake decorated with a stork and tiny sugar "booties" was served with other refreshments. Shower guests were Mmes. Jack O. Manshel, Robert Shane, Lindy Bush, Gerald Hatton, Frank Solla, Gordon Clark, Eric Bomer, Kenneth Cosbey, Wil-liam Hatton, John Kirby and A. L. Fenell.



W. Lee Wenzlick

TWO WEEKS ON THE DESERT... was enjoyed by Mrs. LeRoy Stanton, Jr., 35 Crest Rd., Rolling Hills. Mrs. Stanton is the mother of four youngsters, Sheri, 11, twins Jim and Jan, 9, and Lorie, 5. Her mother, Mrs. H. S. Hanchett of Westwood stayed with the children while Mrs. Stanton was on vacation at the Desert Air Hotel. Mr. Stanton is vice-president and general manager of the Stanton Lumber Co.